

REPORT ON INSECT CONTROL WORK, SPRING OF 1911 (WHITMAN  
NATIONAL FOREST)

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Report on Insect-Control Work.

Spring of 1911.

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Insect-control work was conducted in cooperation with the Bureau of Entomology, operations beginning April 5, and ending June 30, 1911.

Mr. H. E. Burke, expert in charge of the Branch of Forest Insects, had general charge of all matters of an entomological nature pertaining to the project, Mr. W. D. Edmonston, agent and expert, giving technical advice, field instructions, and instructions as to methods of conducting the work. Special Agent Turner dealt with individual and organized timber owners, planning and assisting in control operations, and securing the right from private owners to conduct control operations on their holdings.

Forest Supervisor of the Whitman National Forest had general supervision over the expenditures incident to the work, purchase of equipment and supplies, establishment of camps, employment of foreman, cruisers and woodsmen, and other matters of importance pertaining to the work. Deputy Supervisor E. Barnes, assigned to assist the Super-

visor in this work, spent practically all of his time on the work.

The control operations were extended along the east side of the Whitman National Forest within and adjacent to the boundary line, in Townships 6, 7, 8 and 9 S., all of the Deer Creek watershed and portions of the Sumpter and Burnt River watersheds, comprising a total area of 84,330 acres cruised and treated. (See map accompanying report).

Owing to the extremely late spring the work was not begun until April 5, at which time two instruction camps were established, and actual control work was not begun until the latter part of April. New camps were added from time to time and the work pushed forward as rapidly as the weather conditions would permit, and by the first of June there were seven crews of about fifteen men and a cook and one crew of four to five men. Work was done by the eight crews from 23 different camp locations. The moving of a camp occupied from one-half to one day's time and generally required the assistance of two or three men. When a camp was moved but a short distance, five or six miles, the cutting crews after finishing the work at the camp from which they moved walked to the new camp area and continued work.

Garbage holes were dug at each camp, into which

was thrown all refuse. Cleanliness was insisted upon and the men especially warned against throwing refuse into any stream.

The methods of treating the trees and handling the work were similar to the methods used on the insect-control work carried on during the fall of 1910.

The infested portions of the yellow pine timber were peeled and where cut upon National Forest land the tops were lopped and the brush piled in open places ready for burning, and in a few instances the brush was burned. Yellow pine timber cut outside the National Forest was left on the ground, a fire menace, as the trees were trimmed only where it was necessary in peeling. The infested yellow pine trees were found singly and in groups, while the lodgepole was found in clumps.

Experience proved that it was slow, expensive work to peel the lodgepole pine; therefore practically all infested lodgepole pine trees cut were completely burned with the brush, it being found that scorching the bark was hardly sufficient to kill the insects. Stumps were cut 18" or less, except in some cases where the crew foremen were careless about instructing the men. Stumps heavily infested were peeled. All logs and brush was burned together, by first putting the logs in compact piles with a little dry material on the bottom, then the brush on the top and at one end. Two laborers easily

burned the log and brush piles made by twelve to fourteen cutters. No danger was encountered by fires spreading, as there were frequent showers all through June, but care was taken to prevent fires breaking out, and the camps were all supplied with shovels.

Following is the average size of the crews used on this project:

- 1 foreman
- 2 cruisers
- 1 cook
- 3 crew foremen
- 8 woodsmen.

The foremen in charge of the camps were the best obtainable and were all accustomed to woods work. They had charge of the crews engaged in the work, directing them to the marked timber, supervising the work of felling, barking and burning the infested portions of trees and brush disposal. The foremen were required to keep the time of all men working on the project.

The cutting crews, composed of three or four men, including one foreman, cut and barked or cut, piled and burned the infested timber. The foreman of the crew assisted with this work, as well as gathering the required data, giving the date timber was cut, location, species, D. B. H. infested length, middle diameter of infested length, and total height of trees cut.

In some instances it was quite necessary for the



foreman in charge of a camp to assist in marking infested timber so that the crews could continue to cut; in such cases the foremen who did the marking were perfectly competent to do the work.

Where possible all camps were supplied and moved with teams and wagons; otherwise by pack horses. To move a camp of ordinary size required one four-horse team and large wagon, or twelve pack-horse loads. Two camps on this project were supplied and moved entirely by pack outfits, there being no wagon roads in the region.

#### SUMMARY OF CONTROL WORK.

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#### Money Expended by Forest Service.

Provisions.....	\$ 6125.41
Camp and Control Equipment.....	1406.67
Cooks .....	1083.24
Transfer of Camps, etc.....	1199.64
Cruising .....	3114.55
Felling and treatment of Trees ..	9934.35
Brush piling, burning, etc. (5.74% of total amount expended) ...	1355.18
Salary, Forest Service Representative .....	310.00
Preparation prior to April 1 ....	53.75
Total Amount Expended.....	\$23582.79

# Tree Measurements.

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Species.	Number:	Aver. D.B.H.	Aver. Middle Diam. Infest. Length.	Aver. Infest.	Height.
Yellow Pine.....	8015	17.83	14.92	54.10	74.75
Yellow Pine, peeled standing.....	3388	7.05	5.80	6.00	25.00
Lodgepole Pine.....	15170	10.44	9.01	32.00	71.20
Total Trees.....	26573				

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Species.	D. B. H.		Middle Diam.		Infested Length		Heights		Ft. B. M.
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	
Yellow Pine.....	72	6	64	5	126	5	134	22	} +2,914,130
Yellow Pine, peeled standing:	14	3	12	2	10	4	40	10	
Lodgepole Pine...	36	3	33	2	85	10	110	30	1,295,960
Total B. F.....									4,210,090

## Average Miles Traveled Per Day.

By Cruisers..... 6 mi.  
By Treatment Crews 2 3/4 mi.

## Locating and Marking.

Total number of men employed.....	22
Time spent on project.....	97 da.
Total number days on project.....	1166.5
Average number men per day.....	13.4
Average cost per man per day.....	\$ 2.67
Average cost per hour, including wages & board.....	.4478
Average cost marking per tree.....	.1580

### Treatment of Trees.

Total number of men employed.....	175
Time spent on project.....	87 da.
Total number days on project.....	4209
Average number men per day.....	56.75
Average cost per man per day.....	2.36
Average cost per tree, including wages & board.....	.519
Actual cost per M. ft. B.M., including wages & board	3.28

### Board.

Cost of board per man per day.....	\$ .9225
Cost of food per man per day.....	.761

### Costs.

Net cost per tree, including depreciation of equipment 20%.....	\$ .8447
Net cost per 1000 ft. B. M., including depreciation of equipment 20%	5.334

### Number of trees by camps per month.

Camp.	Month	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand.*
Camp #1,	April	405	359	000
(Started	May	521	1420	608
Apr. 5)	June	813	2000	1931
Total		<u>1739</u>	<u>3779</u>	<u>2539</u>
Camp #2,	April	648	000	12
(Started	May	541	882	76
Apr. 5)	June	995	1384	335
Total		<u>2184</u>	<u>2266</u>	<u>423</u>
Camp #3,	April	51	332	000
(Started	May	191	1383	000
Apr. 26)	June	16	2386	000
Total		<u>258</u>	<u>4101</u>	<u>000</u>
Camp #4,	April	85	000	000
(Started	May	249	849	000
Apr. 25)	June	000	1638	000
Total		<u>334</u>	<u>2487</u>	<u>000</u>
Camp #5,	April	155	000	000
(Started	May	987	000	194
Apr. 15)	June	875	906	121
Total		<u>2017</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>315</u>



Camp.	Month	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand.*
Camp #6	May	133	109	000
(St.5/21)	June	000	1387	000
Total		133	1496	000
Camp #7	June	1046 <sup>1</sup>	70	111
(St.5/24				
Camp #8	June	314	65	000
(St.6/16				

\*Yellow Pine, peeled standing.

"Including 441 trees cut by Baker Forest Protective Association in fall of 1910, but peeled by Forest Service, spring of 1911.

Number Trees Treated by Months.

Month	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand.*
April	1334	691	12
May	2622	4643	878
June	4059	9836	2498
Total	8015	15170	3388

\*Yellow Pine, peeled standing.

Number Trees, Month of April.

Camp.	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Area.	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand. *
Deer Creek, #1	9	37	24	640	21		
			25	640	20		
	9	38	18	160			
			19	570	18		
			20	626	5		
			21	636	4		
			29	628	23		
			30	630	20		
Miners Creek, #1	9	38	26	400	2	175	
			27	480	1	10	
			28	640	32		
			32	639	23		
			33	637	60		
			34	645	73	45	
			35	609	56	128	
	10	38	3	240	39		
			4	80	8		
Anthony Creek, #2	6	37	1	240	33		
			2	160	12		5
	6	38	6	320	55		
			7	640	176		1
			18	640	26		
			19	320	9		6
Bulger Flat, #2	7	37	1	400	38		
			12	240	8		
			13	320	15		
	7	38	7	640	140		
			8	640	48		
			9	640	65		
			18	320	23		
Sheep Creek, #3	9	37	15	640		128	
			16	640	22	4	
			21	640	6		
			22	640	20	193	
			23	640	3	7	
Union Creek, #4	10	38	11	320	31		
			12	320	23		
			13	320	15		
			14	640	16		
Big Gulch, #5	6	37	36	320	24		
	6	38	29	640	6		
			30	500	12		
			31	640	7		
			32	640	19		

Camp.	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Area.	Y.Pine	Lp.Pine	Stand.	*
Big Gulch, #5	7	38	5	380	13			
			6	440	9			
Muddy Creek, #5	7	38	32	640	65			

\*Yellow Pine, peeled standing.

Number Trees, Month of May.

Camp.	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Area.	Y.Pine	Lp.Pine	Stand.	*
Poker Creek, #1	9	39	31	500	33	193		
	10	38	1	"	8			
	10	39	5	640	5			
			6	400	101	12		
			7	400	20		13	
			8	640	71		298	
			9	320	32		152	
			16	160	2		12	
			17	640	98		94	
			18	450	19			
			20	320	8			
Elk Creek, #1	9	39	19	640	23	999		
	10	39	4	160	3		3	
			5	"	35	86		
			9	"	7		35	
	9	39	30	640	25	19		
			32	640	33	111	3	
Bulger Flat, #2	7	38	5	320	1		2	
			7	640	5			
			18	160	35			
Pine Creek, #2	8	38	21	640	68	8	2	
			22	640	5			
			27	640	3			
Marble Creek, #2	9	38	1	320		34		
			12	320	101	730		
			13	320	16	15		
	9	39	7	320	307	95	72	
Sheep Creek, #3	9	37	10	640	20	813		
			11	640		140		
			23	640	10			
Snow Ball, #3	9	37	9	160	20	36		
			14	640	5	63		
			22	640	6	53		
			23	640	84	71		
			26	640	27	47		
			27	640	16	160		
			34	200	3			

Camp.	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Area.	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand.
Union Creek, #4	8	37	31	160		399	
	9	38	26	60	4	390	
			35	640	11	60	
	10	38	1	640	50		
			2	640	79		
			3	640	28		
			11	320	38		
			12	320	5		
			13	320	11		
			24	220	23		
No. Powder Riv., #5	7	37	25	320	494		77
	7	38	30	160	82		69
			31	200	18		8
Muddy Creek, #5	7	38	28	640	23		
			29	320	10		3
			30	160	67		
			31	240	74		
			32	640	38		
			33	160	19		
	8	38	5	480	57		9
			6	640	105		28
Slim Creek, #6	9	37	8	320	21	62	
			17	640	80	13	
			18	640	23	30	
			19	50	1	4	
			20	150	8		

\*Yellow Pine, peeled standing. "Area elsewhere included.

Number Trees. Month of June.

Camp	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Area.	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand*
Fruit Creek, #1	8	37	30	40		14	
			31	320	1	948	
			32	240	3	425	
	9	37	5	120	2	49	
Elk Creek, #1	9	39	19	"		11	
			26	400	2		147
			27	640	2		
			28	640	37		91
			29	640	175	30	67
			30	"	69	523	
			32	"	32		1
			33	640	38		229
			34	640	158		679
			35	400	251		560
	10	39	4	"			120
			5	"			37

Camp.	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Area	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand.  *
Marble Creek, #2	9	38	1	320	53	222	60
			12	320	40	820	6
			13	320	73	159	27
	9	39	6	320	14		49
			7	320	4		7
Hibbard Gulch, #2	9	38	13	640	264		80
			24	320	299	183	52
	9	39	17	480	113		
			18	640	131		49
			19	60	4		5
Whiteface, #3	9	37	2	640	1	778	
			3	280	4	308	
Leach & Gurley, #3	9	37	9	90	7	331	
Snowball, #3	9	37	10	"		778	
			11	"		91	
			15	"		88	
			22	"	4	12	
Silver Creek, #4	8	36	26	60		107	
			35	90		457	
			36	640		1074	
No. Powder Riv., #5	7	37	13	320	164		32
			24	40	18		
			25	200	79		11
			36	80	177		
	7	38	18	160	4		7
			19	320	114		25
			30	320	187		28
			31	200	132		18
Cracker Creek, #5	8	37	32	200		82	
			33	480		238	
			34	140		99	
	9	37	4	220		106	
			5	510		381	
Fruit Creek, #6	8	36	25	160		102	
	8	37	19	320		159	
			29	100		116	
			30	600		791	
			31	160		219	
Cold Springs, #7	11	38	10	320	12		
			11	320	24		28
			12	160	34		39
			13	640	26		12
			14	640	81		14
			15	640	47		
			22	120	16		
			23	640	4		
			24	640	17		18



Camp.	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Area.	Y. Pine	Lp. Pine	Stand.
Cold Springs, #7	11	39	5	320	11		
			6	320	8		
			7	640	23	70	
			8	640	79		
			9	320	10		
			15	160	12		
			16	640	42		
			17	640	17		
			18	640	61		
			19	320	27		
			20	320	35		
			21	320	17		
			22	120	2		
Sumpter, #8	9	36	36	640	2	8	
	9	37	9	160	11	1	
			15	"	17		
			21	80	5	21	
			22	"	10	30	
			23	"	2		
			30	640	38		
			31	320		1	
Sheep Rock, #8	11	38	5	640	33		
			7	480	12		
			8	640	26		
			9	320	20		
			10	80	3		
			12	40	1		
			13	160	9		
			16	160	14		
			17	640	35		
			18	640	7		
			19	640	19		
			21	320	8		
			25	480	9		
			26	640	15		
			27	100	5		
Boundary Cr., #8	9	35½	21	200		3	
			36	640		1	
	10	35½	12	640	10		
			10	640	1		
			14	640	2		

\*Yellow Pine, peeled standing. "Area elsewhere included.

Trees Cut by Baker Forest Protective Association.

Fall of 1910,

Peeled by Forest Service,

Spring of 1911.

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Camp.	Tp.	Rge.	Sec.	Yellow Pine.
Cold Springs, #7	11	38	10	16
			11	46
			12	1
			13	104
			14	66
			15	19
			24	28
	11	39	5	40
			6	19
			7	44
			8	20
			17	7
			18	31

(Signed) Ephraim Barnes

July 24, 1911.

Deputy Supervisor.

Approved:

(Signed) Henry Ireland

Forest Supervisor.